

**REMARKS**


By the foregoing amendment, claims 1-37 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Further, claims 38-78 have been added. No new matter has been added.

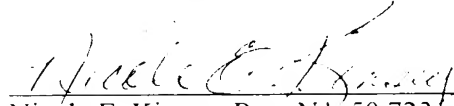
As agreed in a telephone conversation between Examiner Nguyen and applicants' representative, applicants' cancellation of pending claims 1-37 eliminates the requirement for applicants to respond to the restriction requirement mailed on August 12, 2003.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney or agent concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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